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Minor Irrigation Works in Udayarpalayam taluk.

* 469 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received any representations from the villagers of Irumbilikkurichi, Namankunnam and Solankudikkadu of Udayarpalayam taluk for undertaking minor irrigation works in these villages; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) In November 1952, Government received a representation on behalf of the ryots of certain villages of Udayarpalayam taluk, Tiruchirappalli district, requesting provision of irrigation facilities.

" (b) The representation was transferred to the Collector of Tiruchirappalli for necessary action. Government have no information regarding the action taken by the Collector."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Sir, my question has not been answered straightaway. It is more than nine months since I put that question. It is being answered only now and that too when I had asked for information about the action taken on the representations, Government say they have no information and they have only now referred the matter to the Collector of Tiruchirappalli. It is a very regrettable state of affairs."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The representation was sent to the Collector of Tiruchirappalli for taking necessary action. If the hon. Member wants some more details, a separate question may be put."

Sub-Inspectors of Police reverted to lower ranks.

* 470 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Sub-Inspectors of Police reverted to lower ranks either owing to want of vacancies or owing to retrenchment policy during 1950–53 (figures may be given community-war); and

(b) if the reversion was due to retrenchment, why the retrenchment question arose?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House.

" (b) Officiating Sub-Inspectors promoted from the ranks had to revert for want of vacancies consequent on direct recruits who were till recently under-represented taking charge of stations on completion of their training. The reversion in the rank of Sub-Inspectors was also due to the return of officers who were on deputation to Hyderabad State and the

[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 225 infra.

abolition of a large number of temporary posts of and above the rank of Sub-Inspector consequent on the improvement in the law and order situation."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Was there any direct recruitment of Sub-Inspectors of Police after the reversion of the acting Sub-Inspectors to lower ranks?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We stopped direct recruitment for the year 1952–53 so as to provide for these persons."

SRI S. VEMIAH :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of promoting these reverted Sub-Inspectors as expeditiously as possible in view of their long-standing service to the Government?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Government will take good care of them. The Hon. Member need not bother about it."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Have the Government stopped fresh recruitment of Sub-Inspectors. If so, from what date?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We have stopped direct recruitment only for the year 1952–53."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to bring to your notice that the Hon. Leader of the House has insulted us, the members of this House. I shall tell you exactly how. It is certainly true that the Government have got the responsibility to take care of their servants. But it is equally true that we, as representatives of the public have also got an equal responsibility to bring to the notice of Government the specific grievances of the common man. Here an hon. Member had asked a specific question concerning the expeditious promotion of these reverted Sub-Inspectors in view of their long service. The Hon. Leader of the House had replied that the hon. Member need not bother about the same. That sort of reply, I would submit, amounts to an insult of the House."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If a point has been made out that certain people have been superseded or overlooked, that question is all right. But the question was whether promotion could be given expeditiously to all of them. I answered that the Government would take good care of them and so I told the hon. Member that he need not bother about the same."

10-10 a.m. SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" May I submit to you, Sir, that it is perfectly open to the Leader of the House to point out that this does not arise out of the question but I submit, Sir, that it is not certainly open to him to go out of the way and say to the Member sitting on the Opposition side of the House that it is not

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his business and that he need not worry about it at all. I submit this is not the way to treat the elected representatives of the people.''

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' I hope, Sir, the hon. the Leader of the Opposition will not lose his temper or continue to lose his temper; he knows very well why he is putting the question and he knows also why the answer has been given as it has been.'' (Laughter.)

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—'' I wish to point out to you, Sir, that I am now concerned with our responsibility in the matter; it may be rather inconvenient for the Hon. the Chief Minister and it may inconvenient for the Government to be confronted with such a question. It may be that they may be having something up their sleeves. I am not at all concerned with that. When we put a specific question concerning the services of certain people and their rights, the Government need not get angry but they can very well answer the question but not in the way it has been done.''

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' It is not the Government that is getting angry but it is the Leader of the Opposition that is angry. He feels and things that the question of the Police services is an important concern of the Opposition but the Government take the opposite view.''

Regional Transport Officers.

* 471 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state how many Regional Transport Officers were recently appointed by the Government and on what basis the selection was made?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—'' Seven Regional Transport Officers were appointed in January 1953. The selection of candidates was made taking into consideration all relevant factors such as merit and suitability, caste, religion, community and things like that.''

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—'' May I know if it is a fact that a relative of Sri Pulla Reddi, the Home Secretary, was appointed as Regional Transport Officer while there were so many other candidates who had got more service and qualifications in the Transport Department itself? ''

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' Mr. Speaker, Sir, the question is very improper because the assumptions are all wrong. I have dealt with the file and I know these allegations are improper.''

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—'' May I know if these officers are appointed by the Public Services Commission or by the Government? ''